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MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors

FROM: Stuart Berde, Acting Chief, Advocacy and Customer Service
Flo Stein, Chief, Community Policy Management

SUBJECT: RFA to Expand the Peer Support Specialist Pool by Providing Training Funds through LMEs

The goal of this project is to provide funds to 6 Local Management Entities (LMEs) up to \$23,000 each in order to pay for individuals to be trained as North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialists. The trainings are to be provided by an instructor using a Division approved curriculum. Through these grants, LMEs and local Critical Access Behavioral Healthcare Agencies (CABHAs) will have the opportunity to provide new Peer Support Services when it is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) as a Medicaid billable service.

The following information is included in this memorandum:

- A RFA with expected requirements
- Application for submission of RFA
- Expense sheet
- LME Training Details and Outcomes
- LME Training Plan
- Peer Support Specialist Certification Requirements

The RFA is due to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, Advocacy and Customer Service, no later than 5:00 pm on October 15, 2010. Additional instructions are included in the attached documentation. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Wes Rider (910) 520-9027 Wes.Rider@dhhs.nc.gov or Debbie Webster (919) 715-2774 Debbie.Webster@dhhs.nc.gov.

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